

Con. Res. 209, a Resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and helping to raise awareness of the impact of domestic violence on families across the nation.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence began to observe the concept of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in 1987—the year that the first national toll-free telephone line was established. In 1989, Congress passed the first legislative recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, expressing the importance of awareness and education and encouraging preventative actions in every community around the Nation. And each year since that time, we have renewed the commitment of Congress and the Federal Government to those goals, as we are doing today in passing H. Con. Res. 209.

This legislation is also particularly timely because we are now in the process of renewing the Violence Against Women Act as part of the Justice Department reauthorization. That legislation, originally passed and signed into law in 1994, allocated a substantial amount of Federal funding for prevention efforts, and it broadened the range of services and counseling available to women who become victims of abuse. In 2000, Congress reauthorized the bill and strengthened it, as we must again this year, driven by the goal of eliminating entirely the scourge that still wrecks far too many families across America including, tragically, many innocent children who witness the violence.

One such tragic example occurred in my congressional district in April 2003, when the troubled Chief of Police of Tacoma, Washington, murdered his wife in the parking lot of a suburban shopping center just a few feet away from the couple's two young children. This man, Chief David Brame, ultimately took his own life that day, but he left those two kids with scars that will remain with them for the entirety of their lives. He also left the community questioning why and how such a tragedy could have occurred. An investigation later uncovered serious problems within the Tacoma Police Department which not only allowed the hiring of this individual with a history of domestic violence but continued to promote him despite serious and repeated violent acts against his wife, Crystal Judson Brame. Clearly, something was wrong here. The Tacoma Police Department lacked a strong and enforceable policy to address domestic violence committed by a member of its own—in fact the Chief. And this was not a deficiency exclusive to Tacoma. As a result, the Washington State Legislature passed a law establishing strong standards for law enforcement agencies within the state to prevent and punish future incidents of domestic violence committed by law enforcement officers. We can and we should do more to call attention to the problems, to address the deficiencies that exist, and to stop these pernicious instances of domestic violence from ever occurring.

It is in this spirit that I am pleased today to join my colleagues in supporting H. Con. Res. 209, and in working later this week and this month to improve and strengthen the provisions of the Violence Against Women Act which expire at the end of this year.

Mr. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire). The ques-

tion is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 209.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds of those present have voted in the affirmative.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GILCREST) at 6 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3667. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 South Barrington Street in Los Angeles, California, as the "Karl Malden Station".

H.R. 3767. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2600 Oak Street, in St. Charles, Illinois, as the "Jacob L. Frazier Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3200. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the Service members' Group Life Insurance program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1017. An act to reauthorize grants for the water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984.

S. 1709. An act to provide favorable treatment for certain projects in response to Hurricane Katrina, with respect to revolving loans under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.J. Res. 66, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 438, by the yeas and nays;

H. Con. Res. 209, by the yeas and nays.

The first and third electronic votes will be conducted as 15-minute votes. The second vote in this series will be a 5-minute vote.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF "LIGHTS ON AFTER-SCHOOL!"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 66.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 66, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 403, nays 0, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 494]

YEAS—403

Abercrombie	Butterfield	Diaz-Balart, L.
Ackerman	Buyer	Diaz-Balart, M.
Aderholt	Calvert	Dicks
Akin	Camp	Dingell
Alexander	Cannon	Doggett
Allen	Cantor	Doolittle
Andrews	Capito	Doyle
Baca	Capuano	Drake
Bachus	Cardoza	Dreier
Baird	Carnahan	Duncan
Baker	Carson	Edwards
Baldwin	Carter	Ehlers
Barrett (SC)	Case	Emanuel
Barrow	Castle	Emerson
Bartlett (MD)	Chabot	Engel
Barton (TX)	Chandler	English (PA)
Bass	Chocola	Eshoo
Bean	Clay	Etheridge
Beauprez	Cleaver	Evans
Becerra	Clyburn	Everett
Berkley	Coble	Farr
Berman	Cole (OK)	Feeney
Berry	Conaway	Ferguson
Biggert	Conyers	Finer
Bilirakis	Cooper	Fitzpatrick (PA)
Bishop (GA)	Costa	Flake
Bishop (NY)	Costello	Foley
Bishop (UT)	Cramer	Forbes
Blackburn	Crenshaw	Ford
Blunt	Crowley	Fortenberry
Boehlert	Cubin	Fossella
Boehner	Cuellar	Fox
Bonilla	Cummings	Frank (MA)
Bonner	Cunningham	Franks (AZ)
Bono	Davis (AL)	Frelinghuysen
Boozman	Davis (CA)	Gallagher
Boren	Davis (IL)	Garrett (NJ)
Boucher	Davis (KY)	Gerlach
Boyd	Davis (TN)	Gibbons
Bradley (NH)	Davis, Jo Ann	Gilchrest
Brady (PA)	Davis, Tom	Gillmor
Brown (OH)	Deal (GA)	Gingrey
Brown (SC)	DeFazio	Gohmert
Brown, Corrine	DeGette	Gonzalez
Brown-Waite,	Delahunt	Goode
Ginny	DeLauro	Goodlatte
Burgess	DeLay	Gordon
Burton (IN)	Dent	Granger